

## OSD Declassification/Release Instructions on File

May 11, 1955

Major General James G. Christiansen  
 Director, Clark Task Force, Hoover Commission  
 Washington, D.C.

My dear General Christiansen:

It has just occurred to us that perhaps some person or persons might have told you or your group that we were of little or no value, or had not proven ourselves in our field in our 13 years of existence. This statement was once made to a prominent member of Congress, who, on confidentially checking us, was convinced by documentary proof supplied by us that any such statements were incorrect or a misstatement of fact based on the actual evaluation of our reports by not one but many "end user" agencies of our Government. The following figures can be substantiated by documentary evidence and the actual official evaluations of our reports by National Defense agencies, State Department and CIA.

**WAR DEPARTMENT PERIOD:**

**Evaluation by War Department General Staff.**

**February 25, 1942 to June 30, 1945**

Superior, Excellent and Valuable	15.6%
Very Satisfactory and Satisfactory	78.9%
Unsatisfactory and Unusable	6.4%

**July 1, 1945 to October 31, 1945**

Superior, Excellent and Valuable	24.5%
Very Satisfactory and Satisfactory	72.3%
Unsatisfactory and Unusable	3.2%

**November 1, 1945 to December 15, 1945**

(Different gradings as a result of a change in G-2's system of classification of evaluations.)

Valuable	67.0%
Usable	33.0%
Not Usable	0.0%

**Percentage of Eliminations from February 1942 to September 1947**

18.0%

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**STATE DEPARTMENT PERIOD: (September 1947 to April 1, 1951)**

Due to concealment of reports, could not get individual evaluations, but have only general evaluation, provable by commendation by the Under-Secretary of State, for a long period.

<u>Percentage of Eliminations</u>	15.0%
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**CIA PERIODS:****OO PERIOD: April 1, 1951 to December 15, 1951****CIA Evaluation:**

Very Valuable and Valuable	81.5%
Of Some Value or No Data Permitting Assessment	18.5%
Of No Value	0.0%
Already Known	0.0%

**End-User Evaluation:**

Very Valuable and Valuable	59.0%
Of Some Value or No Data Permitting Assessment	33.0%
Of No Value	3.0%
Already Known	5.0%

Percentage of Eliminations	19.0%
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**SO PERIOD: December 16, 1951 to end 1952****CIA Evaluation:**

Of Considerable Value or Valuable	82.0%
Of Some Value or No Data Permitting Assessment	15.5%
Of No Value	2.5%
Already Known	0.0%

**End-User Evaluation:**

Of Considerable Value or Valuable	57.0%
Of Some Value or No Data Permitting Assessment	36.0%
Of No Value	7.0%
Already Known	0.0%

Percentage of Eliminations	48.0%
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**SO PERIOD/**

SO PERIOD: 1953

CIA Evaluation:

Of Considerable Value or Valuable	64.0%
Of Some Value or No Data Permitting Assessment	32.0%
Of No Value	3.0%
Already Known	1.0%

End-User Evaluation:

Of Considerable Value or Valuable	55.0%
Of Some Value or No Data Permitting Assessment	37.0%
Of No Value	6.0%
Already Known	2.0%

Percentage of Eliminations 52.0%

SO PERIOD: 1954

CIA Evaluation:

Of Considerable Value or Valuable	87.0%
Of Some Value or No Data Permitting Assessment	12.0%
Of No Value or Already Known	1.0%

End-User Evaluation:

Very Valuable or Valuable	58.0%
Of Some Value or No Data Permitting Assessment	41.0%
Of No Value	1.0%
Already Known	0.0%

Percentage of Eliminations 57.8%

Several post-mortem studies made by outside neutral and nationally known and accepted experts on the Soviet Union, Communism and Marxism with respect to CIA's eliminations proved BIA's eliminations correct. In at least one case, the experts found proven improper eliminations based on ideological bias. In addition to these figures and definite proof of lack of cooperation by CIA with respect to not giving us any directives, comments, etc., it can be definitely established that many reports were so outstanding that they constituted intelligence highlights, and in many cases our reports were stated to have been brought to or taken to the White House by CIA--as their reports, of course. It will be noted that all percentages given above are based on the

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eliminations and evaluations of agencies having nothing to do with us except for their financial support of our budget.

I feel sure that as an engineer, who knows the value of figures, you will be interested in the above.

Sincerely,

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Walter P. O'Brien

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John V. Grombach